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Members of the Texas Judicial Council (Council) Who Are ex Officio Members of the	
Commission (Govt. Code Sec. 79.013)	
(1) presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals:	Sharon Keller *Chair of Task Force*
(2) chief justice of the supreme court:	Wallace Jefferson
(3) one of the members of the senate serving on the Council who is designated by the lieutenant governor to serve on the Commission:	
(4) member of the house appointed by the speaker to serve on the Council:	Roberto Alonzo
(5) one of the courts of appeals justices serving on the Council who is designated by the governor to serve on the Commission:	Sherry Radack
(6) one of the county court or statutory county court judges serving on the Council who is designated by the governor to serve on the Commission or, if a county court or statutory county court judge is not serving on the Council, one of the statutory probate court judges serving on the Council who is designated by the governor to serve on the Commission:	
(7) one other member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor:	John Whitmire
(8) chair of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee:	Abel Herrero
Commission Members Appointed by the Governor	
(Govt. Code Sec. 79.014)	
(9) one member who is a district judge serving as a presiding judge of one of the nine administrative judicial regions;	Olen Underwood, presiding judge, 2 nd Administrative Judicial Region of Texas *Vice Chair of Task Force*
(10) one member who is a judge of a constitutional county court or who is a county commissioner;	Jon Burrows, County Judge, Bell County, Belton
(11) one member who is a practicing criminal defense attorney;	Knox Fitzpatrick, attorney, shareholder in the law firm Fitzpatrick, Hagood, Smith & Uhl, L.L.P., Dallas
(12) one member who is a chief public defender in this state or the chief public defender's designee, who must be an attorney employed by the public defender's office; and	Anthony Odiorne, Assistant Public Defender, Regional Capital Public Defender Office, Burnet County satellite office
(13) one member who is a judge of a constitutional county court or who is a county commissioner of a county with a population of 250,000 or more	Glen Whitley, County Judge, Tarrant County